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DECLARATION ON FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES AND RIGHT AT WORK
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether International Labour Organisation has recently adopted the Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Right at Work; and

(b) if so, the Salient features thereof and reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a): The Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work was adopted by International Labour Organisation in 1998.

(b): Under the Declaration, any member State of the ILO has the obligation arising from membership to the Organisation to promote, respect and realize the fundamental principles underlying the fundamental conventions on freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining; the elimination of all forms of forced or compulsory labour; the effective abolition of child labour; and the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation, even if one or more of these conventions have not been ratified by a member State. Union Government recognizes the sprit behind the Declaration, which is reflected through various labour laws in the country. Presentations of ILO Global Reports take place in India each year in a public forum.